Construction of railway overbridges/by-pass in Hyderabad

*491. DR. ALLIADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway overbridges/bypass to be constructed in Hyderabad;

(b) the proportionate contribution of Railways on the flyovers; and

(c) the financial allocation made in 1996-97 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) 4

(b) 35.63% (Railway's share Rs. 7.5 cr. and State Govt.'s share Rs. 13.55 cr.)

(c) Rs. 59.04 lakhs.

"Mining in Ecologically Sensitive Areas"

*492. SHRI O.P. KOHLI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem in the Hindustan Times dated the 21st August, 1996 captioned "Mining project ripping apart forest corridors",

(b) if so, how many projects to extract mineral wealth have been cleared during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) what is going to be the likely effect of these projects on the wildlife in the areas for which the projects have been cleared; and

(d) whether national parks and sanctuaries have been categorized 'ecologically-sensitive' and no new industrial activity including mining project as such is permitted within these areas. Within a radius of 25 km., permission is granted in some cases after detailed examination of the Environmental Impact Assesment report.

(d) whether national parks and sanctuaries have been categorized 'ecologically-sensitive' and no industrial activity, including mining activity, is permitted within a radius of 25 kms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(c) The impact of the cleared mining projects on wildlife is likely to be minimal as the project authorities are required to implement environmental management plans including wildlife and ecological conservation measures recommended by the Government under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(d) National Parks and sanctuaries have been categorised as 'ecologically-

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(b) Table showing no. of mining projects cleared during last three years.

(A) **Mining projects cleared from environmental angle:**

Year (September-August)

S. No.	STATE	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	TOTAL
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	2	—	6
2.	Bihar	4	3	—	7
3.	Gujarat	—	1	2	3